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Amount Schools Claim for IEP Services Increasing in State Fiscal Year 2015

At the halfway point in State Fiscal Year 2015, Indiana Medicaid-participating school corporations had claimed nearly \$3.5 million in Medicaid reimbursements for IEP health-related services such as Occupational, Physical, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy, behavioral health, nursing and audiology evaluation and treatment services as well as medically necessary specialized transportation services. This 6-month total represents an increase of \$1.5 million over the amount claimed during the first six months of the previous fiscal year.

To see a report of Medicaid reimbursements per school corporation, public charter school, turnaround school or state school as

of December 31, 2014, click the School Corp Medicaid Reimbursement Report link under "General Information" at IDOE's School-based Medicaid page online at <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid>. In addition to amounts claimed for Medicaid-covered IEP services, the report shows the amount of Medicaid Administrative Claiming ("MAC") reimbursements that participating districts have claimed (see the last 3 pages of the report) as well as counts of Special Education students and Medicaid-enrolled students per school corporation. Send questions or requests for information to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Specialist Tracy Brunner, tbrunner@doe.in.gov.

IndianaMAC: One for All and All for One

To lighten schools' work to claim federal funds for time spent on health coverage outreach, enrollment assistance and care coordination activities, Indiana's school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) methodology uses one web-based system and one statewide random moment time study to record the data required to support schools' claims. Just as the Musketeers' success relied on each member's contribution to the whole, all school corporations, charter, turnaround and state schools that participate in Indi-

anaMAC depend on each other for timely and accurate completion of all program requirements.

If their quarterly statewide time study response rate falls below 85% none of the IndianaMAC-participating schools can submit claims for that quarter. Careful adherence to training, data submission/certification and time study participant pool composition requirements benefit every participating district, while non-compliance has the potential to impact all adversely.

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Did you know?

- CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) is partnering with the Natl Alliance for Medicaid in Education to answer schools' questions about a recent free care policy change and to present a webinar on school-based Medicaid outreach and enrollment assistance—see Pgs 2 and 3 for details.

- Indiana's Division of Mental Health and Addiction has a Children's Mental Health Initiative for youth and families without funding—see more at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/2865.htm>.

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Indiana became the 28th state to expand Medicaid eligibility, beginning February 1, 2015.

Indiana Expands Medicaid-eligibility Under “HIP 2.0”

Indiana recently became the 28th state to expand Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act. Beginning February 1, 2015, the Healthy Indiana Plan, also known as HIP 2.0, gives hundreds of thousands of previously uninsured Hoosiers access to quality, affordable

health care coverage with the essential benefits guaranteed under federal law. Benefits remain the same under “Hoosier Healthwise,” Indiana Medicaid’s coverage for 0- to 19-year old children of low-income families. HIP 2.0 expands coverage options for youth ages 19-21 and

adults through age 64. New income standards and other eligibility criteria for each of Indiana Medicaid’s coverage options are available online at <http://member.indianamedicaid.com/am-i-eligible/eligibility-guide.aspx>.

Recorded National Autism Webinar on Medicaid Services

In July 2014, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [5-page bulletin](#) containing “information on approaches available under the federal Medicaid program for providing services” to eligible “children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).”

Many state Medicaid agencies are uncertain about what this CMS guidance means for them. To share an example of one state’s perspective and how it responded to this CMS guidance, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), Interdisciplinary Technical Assistance Center on Autism and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau co-

sponsored a webinar in February 2015 entitled [CMS Guidance and Autism Spectrum Disorders](#).

This webinar highlights action taken by Connecticut in response to this guidance from CMS. One of the webinar presenters is **Dr. Cathy Pratt, Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community**, whose experience includes serving on advisory boards for two U.S. DOE-funded centers focusing on secondary education for students with ASD and professional development on ASD.

The webinar also features other presenters from AUCD, Easter

Seals, the Autism Society and the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services with wide-ranging expertise including: Medicaid expansion and Medicaid managed care; state policy and systems changes related to health care delivery system reform; parent information and resource network training and advocacy support.

A recording of the presentation is available to the public on the AUCD web site and includes links to resources available on the web and contact information for the webinar presenters: http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=7734&id=379&parent=379

NAME, Inc. and CMS Partner to Present Free Webinar

To learn more about effective strategies to help families find and enroll students in health care coverage, school personnel and their community partners are welcome to participate in a free national webinar sponsored by the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education. The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will present this webinar on its **Connecting Kids to Coverage** Campaign on Monday, March 30, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to

2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The free webinar is open to all who are interested and will include an overview of available resources to help schools inform families about free and low-cost health insurance that will help improve their children’s access to needed health care services. Registration is open online at www.medicaidforeducation.org.

In addition to the 3/30/2015 national webinar, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

offers free customizable materials including posters and cards, as well as e-newsletters, videos, tips, public service announcements and other tools specifically designed for schools, schools’ community partners and other public and private entities.

Visit the Connecting Kids to Coverage web site at <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/professionals/outreach/> for complete details.



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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



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Conference Connections: Medicaid and Special Education

National Alliance for Medicaid in
Education (NAME) annual conference
Sept 16-19, 2014
Niagara Falls, New York
medicaidforeducation.org

Council for Exceptional Children
(CEC) national convention
April 9-12, 2014
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
cec.sped.org/convention

Across the Nation



In a December 15, 2014 letter to State Medicaid agency directors, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced its **change to a longstanding federal policy** that has impeded public schools' ability to claim Medicaid reimbursement for covered health care services, which are **not** included in an Individualized Education Program/IEP (for example: 504 plan services) and are provided to students free of charge. Representatives of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME, Inc.) discussed this recent "free care" policy change with CMS during a January 2015 meeting.

Then, per CMS's request, NAME, Inc. asked its members and other school-based health stakeholders what questions they have concerning the implications of the recent guidance with regard to claiming reimbursement for covered school-based health services provided to Medicaid-eligible children.

After compiling the questions it received by February 20, 2015, NAME sent CMS a list of 47 "**free care policy**" questions on March 4, 2015. Watch NAME's website, www.medicaidforeducation.org, for further details and answers from CMS in response to these questions.